(b) to (d). Since, it is the first year of introduction of the vocational courses, efforts are being made to provide vocational equipment needed for teaching the vocational subjects.

Safeguarding Interest of Tribals in Andaman & Nicobar Islands

997. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the forests belonging to the tribals have been categorised for some other purposes without the consent of the tribals people in the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands; and

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) No forests in the Union Territory of the Andamans and Nicobar Islands are reported to be under the ownership of the tribals as such;

(b) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Illegal Killing of Animals

998. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY:
SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV:
SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that illegal killing of animals is being carried out in various parts of the country; and

(b) if so, the number of such cases registered during each of the last three years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Reports of poaching of wild animals are received by the Central Government from time to time.

(b) Information is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the House.

[*English*]

Scholarship to Students from Lakshadweep

999. SHRI P.M. SAYEED: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the students from Lakshadweep studying at Delhi and other places have not been paid scholarship for the year 1989-90 and 1990-91 till now;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to release their scholarship and other allowances on time in future?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c). According to the information received from Lakshadweep Administration no payment of scholarships to eligible students from Lakshadweep studying at Delhi and other places is pending for the year 1989-90 and 1990-91. Scholarships are sanctioned by Lakshadweep Administration on receipt of applications with Nativity Certificate and Progress Report etc. Delay in payment of Scholarship occurs when applications are not received or incomplete applications are received without Nativity Certificate, Progress Report etc.